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To Mr. BAVIUS, *Secretary to the Society of* Grub-ſtreet.

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SIR,

IT is very natural to take delight in talking of that one loves: for which reaſon you will the leſs wonder at my ſending you an Eſſay upon Chriſtmas Pye. It is a ſubject, I confeſs, which falls more immediately under the notice of female œconomy; but I am not aſhamed to own, that it has frequently and agreeably entertained my curioſity: and to obſerve all the apparatus of this noble diſh, and ſee with how much dexterity and art it is compoſed and brought to due perfection, is, in my opinion, ſo far from being unmanly or effeminate, that it might afford a ſpeculation not unworthy the profoundeſt philoſopher. If my obſervations are but ſuperficial, they may for that reaſon afford your fair readers the more diverſion; as the odd remarks of the four Indian kings wou'd have been leſs entertaining, had they been ſuppoſed to know more of the religion and manners of our country.

I preſume I need not ſay any thing of the high and grateful flavour, whereby the Chriſtmas Pye recommends itſelf to the almoſt univerſal taſte of both ſexes: but I cannot forbear expreſſing my wonder, ſince we can be ſo well furniſhed with this rich and nouriſhing food, that there ſhould be any ſuch thing as a fricaſſée or ragoût in the kingdom: and that we ſhould be ſo fooliſhly fond of foreign faſhions, as, at the expence of our conſtitutions, to imitate the cookery of a fantaſtical nation, whoſe natural ſcarcity of proviſions puts them upon toſſing up the little that they have a hundred ways, to ſupply, as well as they can, their want of the Britiſh plenty.

There is ſomething in the Cruſt, in which the delicious ingredients of this favourite compoſition are incloſed, too remarkable to be paſſed by; I mean the regularity of the figures into which it is uſually raiſed; which ſeem to owe their original to the martial genius of our nation. For in many of them, the rules of military architecture are obſerved with that exactneſs, that each of them would ſerve for the model of a fortification; and a board of well-raiſed pyes looks like ſo many caſtles in miniature. From whence I conjecture, that it might have been anciently the amuſement of our Britiſh ladies, while their ſpouſes and lovers were engaging their enemies abroad, to deſcribe in paſte the glorious dangers they encountered; and that it might be their cuſtom to form theſe pyes from the public draughts of the towns and caſtles, againſt which they expected them to march, that ſo they might have the pleaſure of ſtorming and taking them in effigy. Not that there is wanting a ſpirit of true courage and magnanimity in the fair of this iſland: for which reaſon they are not, as in moſt other countries, thought unqualified even for the ſupreme command, nor unable to cope with all the toils of empire. Our nation has produced female worthies, who with admirable courage and conduct have waged real wars, and won ſubſtantial victories; and we can boaſt of thoſe, who, had they liv'd in thoſe times, would have been a match for any of the SCIPIOS or HANNIBALS ſo renown'd in ſtory. But to return to my pye.—

As to the reaſon why this diſh is moſt in vogue at this time of the year, ſome are of opinion, that 'tis owing to the barrenneſs of the ſeaſon; that there being little or no fruit remaining for any variety of tarts, and the ſcarcity of milk denying any affluence of cheeſe-cake and cuſtard, therefore the ladies, being at a loſs for a deſſert, invented this excellent compound; of which it may be ſaid (as the harpſecord alone is a kind of conſort of muſic) that it is a deſſert of itſelf. And tho' indeed of late years, we have ſeen in the midſt of winter tarts made of all ſorts of ſummer fruits, while the trees that bore them have been loaded with froſt and ſnow; yet it muſt be owned, that the art of preſerving theſe is entirely modern, and unknown to thoſe times in which the Chriſtmas Pye firſt appeared.

This ſuppoſition ſeems rational enough: but I am rather inclined to think, from it's regularly making it's revolutions with the approaching feſtivity, that it bears a religious kind of relation to it, and that from thence it had its name. Our tables are always ſet out with this diſh, juſt at the ſame time, and probably for the ſame reaſon, that our windows are adorned with ivy. What confirms me in this opinion, is the zealous oppoſition which it meets with from the people called Quakers; who chuſe to diſtinguiſh their feaſts at this time by a certain heretical ſort of pudding, known by their name, inveighing againſt Chriſtmas Pye, as an invention of the ſcarlet whore of Babylon, a hodge podge of ſuperſtition, popery, the Devil and all his works.

There is another ſort of people, whom I am particularly concerned to take notice of, and who, notwithſtanding their high birth and titles, muſt not eſcape reproof; and they are thoſe, who, while they indulge themſelves in the free enjoyment of this excellent food, are for cutting out the clergy from having any ſhare in it; under pretence that a ſweet tooth and a liquoriſh palate are inconſiſtent with the ſanctity of their character. Againſt theſe perſons, the famous BICKERSTAFF roſe up; and with a becoming zeal, defended the chaplains of noblemen in particular, and in effect and conſequence the whole clergy in general, attacked in this tender point; and aſſerted, by unanſwerable arguments, their ancient and undoubted right to Chriſtmas Pye. After having expoſed the hardſhip and injuſtice of ſuch an encroachment, he raillies thoſe who had been guilty of it, very agreeably. The Chriſtmas Pye, ſays he, 'is 'in its own nature, a kind of conſecrated cake, and a 'badge of diſtinction; and yet 'tis often forbidden to 'the Druid of the family. Strange! that a ſirloin of 'beef, whether boiled or roaſted, when entire, is expoſed to his utmoſt depredations and inciſions; but if 'minced into ſmall pieces, and toſſed up with plumbs 'and ſugar, changes its property, and forſooth is meat 'for his maſter.'

This muſt be allowed by all impartial and conſiderate people to be very hard and unfair treatment. But if in this compoſition the neat's tongue be made uſe of, inſtead of the ſirloin, which from an antient receipt of great authority appears to be the more elegant way; and if it be ſuppoſed, as ſome are of opinion, that that part of our bodies receives a greater proportion of nutriment, which anſwers to that of the creature, whereof we eat; it muſt follow, that this ſort of food is the propereſt in the world for the clergy, and that inſtead of being deprived of it, they ought rather to be helped to a double portion. Neat's tongue of itſelf, for the reaſon juſt mentioned, muſt be a very good ſtrengthener of the great inſtrument of ſpeech, the volubility of whoſe motion is of the greateſt conſequence both to themſelves and the public; but when improved in this manner with plumbs, and ſugar, and ſweet-meats, it cannot fail of communicating all the moſt florid powers of rhetorick, and ſweetening the ſpeech into the moſt perſuaſive and melting eloquence.

Before I conclude, I muſt beg pardon of the ladies, for preſuming to offer them my thoughts upon a ſubject which they muſt needs underſtand much better than myſelf: but if they think I have been impertinent, they may at the ſame time take their revenge upon me, and bring my diſſertation nearer to its ſubject, by putting it under the next pye they raiſe.

I am,

your humble ſervant,

PHILO-CLERICUS.

VERSES *addreſſed to the* author *of the* Epiſtle from a Nobleman to a Doctor of Divinity.

THE author of the following verſes thinks fit declare, that he has not the honour of being acquainted, either with the noble author of the *Epiſtle*, or with the moſt excellent poet attacked in it; and that he was not induced to meddle in the quarrel by any future views of intereſt, which might ariſe to him by favouring either ſide. He therefore hopes the public will not believe he aims at any protection from the perſon addreſſed to; however liable ſome words in the latter part of his verſes may be to ſuch a conſtruction. For tho' he now and then diverts himſelf in this way, he is very ſenſible he cannot come under the denomination of a *growing genius*; and his thoughts and views are turned quite another way, than to riſe in the art of poetry. His ambition is only to entertain the public by this trifle, with as much ſucceſs, as he has ſometimes done his friends in private; and at the ſame time to excite men of fortune and taſte to patronize an art, which he infinitely eſteems, but in which he never hopes to make any figure.

When cauſes flouriſh, 'tis not ſtrange at all,
To find their patrons into factions fall;
But when diſtreſt, inſulted, and decry'd,
Who lays not then each private view aſide?
And ſure the cauſe of poetry is now,
E'en to the wiſhes of its foes, lay'd low.
Does not the preſs in heavy verſe each day,
Give but too many proofs of wit's decay?
What ſons has now Parnaſſus' hill to boaſt?
Are not her mighty men, her heroes loſt?
And ſhall it be by you, my Lord, bereſt
Of its ſupreme, its main defender left?
One who with dignity its ſtate maintains,
And by poetic right of nature reigns?
Forbid it, all ye Muſes; let not rage,
None but of inſpiration, blot the page.
His noble breaſt with thoughts more gen'rous fire,
Teach him to praiſe what he muſt needs admire;
And for unnumber'd happy flights excuſe,
Some few ill-natur'd laſhes of a Muſe.

Among the various tempers of mankind,
All other arts are ſure ſome friends to find:
To ſing, to paint, to riſe in high coupées;
To plan a garden, houſe, or wilderneſs;
To cut a ſleeve with a genteeler air;
Or with a *gout* contrive a bill of fare:
All theſe, 'tis known, have many fortunes made,
And few to want or infamy betray'd.
Such arts are underſtood: for every man
Can judge of theſe, or thinks at leaſt he can:
For where's the man of faſhion in the town,
Wou'd ignorance in things ſo weighty own?
But poetry, of arts the moſt ſublime,
Which triumphs o'er the victories of time;
That art, which men among the gods enrolls,
A ſpecies ſcarce ally'd to vulgar ſouls;
And makes them with contempt on earth look down,
Plac'd in a new creation of their own;
That noble art of ſelf-defence bereaves,
And in return no friendly patron gives.

Poets, like Fame in MARO's lofty lays,
Their heads above earths exhalations raiſe;
But ſtill their nether parts are fixt below,
Expos'd to all the ſtormy winds that blow:
Nor will thoſe ſacred leaves preſerve them free
From tempeſts, that protected once the tree;
And none upon them caſts a pitying eye;
But, where blind fortune throws them firſt, they lye.
For few by nature have a judgment fit,
To guide them through the arduous paths of wit.
How few have fancy ſtrong enough to riſe,
And range with MILTON through his *Paradiſe*?
To view with pleaſure angels joyn'd in fight,
Or *ſail 'twixt worlds and worlds* with ſteady flight?
The rabble of mankind, by nature made
Too groſs to ſoar, or elſe by faſhion ſway'd,
Chuſe objects to the ſenſes more confin'd,
And call thoſe flights the madneſs of the mind.
To read a *Tale* dreſt up in dubious words,
A more ſubſtantial joy to ſuch affords,
Than the ſublimeſt ſtrokes of HOMER's pen,
That ranks the gods in fight with mortal men:
And PRIOR by his *Carvel* gain'd more fame,
Than by thoſe lines, which blazon MALBRO's name.
Nay, e'en thoſe few diſtinguiſh'd at their birth,
And rais'd above the lumpiſh ſons of earth,
By the kind influence of the Muſe's breath,
Neglect thoſe bards in life, they prize in death.
Run o'er the liſt of the poetic race,
And count the proofs of this, and our diſgrace.
How many from their country have deſerv'd,
And gain'd a tomb, that in a garret ſtarv'd!

But you, my Lord, whom fortune has endu'd,
With her moſt precious power of doing good,
Suffer not ſuch examples to return:
Oh! may your breaſt with glorious ardour burn;
Search out each growing genius, watch his fate,
And guard from infamy the Muſe's ſtate.
You, who not only *fair can write your name*,
But place it ſhining in the books of Fame;
Let not your Muſe in fierce conteſts engage,
But be the DORSET of the preſent age.

Diſdain to join with men, whoſe beſt excuſe,
For all their little arts of low abuſe,
Is want of taſte; or that which villains plead,
At each returning ſeſſions, want of bread:
Wants far remov'd from you, my Lord, I own:
But ſtill the cauſe itſelf is odious grown;
And know, 'twill be more glorious one to raiſe,
That ſhall as much as POPE deſerve the bays,
Than with the pointed vigour of your pen,
(If vigour ſuch it have) to write down ten.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
D A. *Daily Advertiſer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
W E. *Whitehall Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

Laſt week, *Chriſtened* males 178: females 172: in all 350: increaſed 46. ——— *Buried* males 244: females 248: in all 492: increaſed 98. *S J.*

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 20. We hear that the royal marriage is fixed for Jan. 20th, being the birth day of his royal highneſs the prince of Wales. *D J.* —— We hear, that the prince of Orange's phyſician having repreſented the inconveniences that may attend a publick marriage, the fatigue of the ceremony, &c. being likely to produce too great a hurry of ſpirits for his conſtitution to bear, the marriage will be perform'd as private as poſſible. *L E.* —— *My* brother W E. of ſaturday *has contrary, I will not ſay, better intelligence.*

Mrs. Hornby, whoſe husband is butler to the lord Harvey, is made purveyor of oyſters to his majeſty, and not Mr. Broughton, jun. as has been publiſhed. *D P.* —— His grace the duke of Grafton has appointed Mr. Charles Wattkins, to be engine-keeper to his royal highneſs the duke. *C.*

This day the hon. Edward Walpole, Eſq; ſecond ſon to Sir Robert, ſet out for Cambridge, to offer himſelf a candidate for that univerſity. *L E.* —— They write from Chicheſter, that no leſs than 6 gentlemen have offered themſelves as candidates for that city. —— A liſt of 16 Scotch peers of the beſt families in North-Britain, is handed about, who are determined to oppoſe to the utmoſt of their power the court liſt. *D P.*

Mr. attorney general Willes, and Will. Noel, Eſq; are appointed council for the univerſity of Cambridge in all their law proceedings. *S J. W E.*

On thurſday in the afternoon, Mr. Peirſe, of Arundel, in Suſſex, with 3 gentlemen in his coach on their way from London, were robb'd by two highwaymen, within half a mile of his houſe: they robb'd two gentlemen in a chariot immediately afterwards. *S J. W E. L E.*

Yeſterday 13 malefactors were executed at Tyburn; John Brown and Eliz. Wright were drawn in a ſledge; Brown being hanged, and ſlaſhed a-croſs his body with a knife, it was delivered to his friends; Elizabeth Wright was chained to a ſtake, firſt ſtrangled, and then burnt. *C.* &c.

Married laſt week Charles Newland, of Grantham, in Lincolnſhire, Eſq; to miſs Jane Older, an agreeable young lady with a large fortune. *D A.* ——— A few days ſince, at Paddington, Peter Jenkins, Eſq; groom of the great chambers to the king, to miſs Cowley, a young gentlewoman of fine accompliſhments and a conſiderable fortune. *W E.*

Died on ſunday at Hampſtead, of an apoplectick fit, Mr. Hollis, one of the clerks of the Navy-office. *P.* —— On monday night miſs Henrietta Blackford, in Boſwell-court, Holbourn. *D J.* —— Miſs Henrietta Blandford, a rich heireſs of Somerſetſhire. *L E.*

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 21. Yeſterday at a general council at S. James's, his majeſty was pleaſed to prick down the ſheriffs for the ſeveral counties for the enſuing year. *D P.* —— For moſt of the counties, ſome were poſtpon'd. *D A.* ——— Her majeſty who had a ſlight return of the gout, is adviſed by her phyſicians to uſe a gentle exerciſe in her coach on the ſtones. *C.*

Yeſterday Meſſrs. Stert and Goddard, commiſſioners for ſettling the loſſes committed on the Britiſh merchants by the Spaniſh depredations, were introduced to their majeſties, and had the honour to kiſs their hands. 'Tis thought they will return ſoon after the holidays to finiſh their commiſſion. *D A.* —— *Some incredulous perſons will not believe, that they have* begun it.

Mr. Hoell, Eſq; of Lincoln's-inn, is appointed ſecretary to the right hon. the lord chancellor. *D P. D J.* —— Tho. Woodford, Eſq; is appointed his principal ſecretary, and ſecretary to the Petitions. *P. D P. Dec.* 25. —— Yeſterday the rev. Mr. Jenkins, lecturer of S. Martins, Ludgate, was choſen reader of Bridewell. *D P. D J.*

On wedneſday 2204 quarters of wheat were enter'd at the Cuſtom-houſe for the Streights. *D A.*

Married, as we hear yeſterday, Sir Will. Bowyer, of Denham-court near Uxbridge, to Miſs Stonehouſe. *D A.*

Died on wedneſday night in his 72d year, Tho. Moore, Eſq; regiſter of the dioceſe of Rocheſter, and auditor and librarian to the dean and chapter of Weſtminſter. *P.*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 22. Yeſterday his highneſs the prince of Orange made a viſit to their majeſties, for the firſt time, ſince his illneſs. *C.* &c. —— We hear that the royal nuptials will be ſolemnized ſoon after the Holidays, in the manner as was firſt intended, but not on any publick day. *W E.* ——— *That* manner *of* ſolemnizing *it will make the* day public.

Yeſterday being S. Thomas's day, came on the election of Common-council-men, which are in general much the ſame as laſt year. —— There was a faint attempt made in Alderſgate-ward, after a grand *apparatus* of bounce and falſhood, of ſavings on one ſide and ſinkings on t'other: but when things came to a fair trial at the Wardmote, the mud-walls and parapets of the new-light-men were blown down with one blaſt of truth and honeſty. *P.*

Verſes to Mr. THOMPSON, *on occaſion of the part which that gentleman took, in the concern for Mr.* DENNIS's *late benefit.*

While I reflect thee o'er, methinks, I find
Thy various SEASONS, in their author's mind!
Spring, in thy flow'ry *fancy*, ſpreads her hues;
And, like thy ſoft compaſſion, ſheds her dews.
Summer's hot ſtrength, in thy *expreſſion*, glows;
And, o'er thy page, a beamy ripeneſs throws.
Autumn's rich *fruits* th' inſtructed reader gains;
Who taſtes the meaning *purpoſe* of thy ſtrains.
Winter——But *That*—no ſemblance takes, from *thee!*
That hoary ſeaſon's type was drawn from ME.——
Shatter'd, by time's bleak ſtorms, I, with'ring lay;
Leafleſs, and whit'ning, in a cold decay.
Yet, ſhall my propleſs *ivy*,——pale, and bent,
Bleſs the ſhort ſunſhine, which thy pity lent. J. D.
D J.

I'm glad to find my brother's *grateful lay,*
Like medlar fruit, delicious in decay.

Norwich, Dec. 19. The beginning of this week an incendiary letter was ſent to Ald. Le Grice, threatning him, juſtice Newton, Ald. Weld, and ſome others, with fire and ſword, if they perſiſted to ſupport the intereſt of Sir Edw. Ward, Bart. and Miles Branthwayt, Eſq; who are put up on the country intereſt. *L E.*

Died the 13th of this month Dr. Brailsford, dean of Wells, and is ſucceeded by Dr. Maddox, clerk of the cloſet to the queen. *D P.* —— A few days ago at Shrewsbury, Copt. Daniel, an old commander in the army. *C. D P.* —— On tueſday morning near Lewes in Suſſex, in the 102 year of her age, Mrs. Hall. *S J. W E. L E.*

MONDAY, *Dec.* 24. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. George preached before their majeſties, his royal highneſs the prince, and the 3 eldeſt princeſſes.——And the rev. Dr. Hutton before his royal highneſs the duke and the princeſſes Mary and Louiſa. *C. P. D J.* —— The ſame day an old gentlewoman of S. James's, Weſtminſter, aged 107, was preſented to the queen, whom her majeſty has annually ſeen, and was pleaſed to make her a handſome preſent. *C.* —— Her majeſty continues to go every day incognito in a coach to ſeveral parts of the town. —— The chapel royal at S. James's is beautifying, and new furniture for the pulpit is to be put up againſt to-morrow; and yeſterday the workmen went to work as ſoon as divine ſervice was over, and worked all laſt night. *P.*

We hear that his highneſs the prince of Orange will ſoon after Chriſtmas ſet out for the Bath, to make uſe of thoſe waters, by advice of his phyſicians. *C.*

On ſaturday (and not before) Mr. Jervis was declared head beadle of S. Bride's, in the room of Mr. Sam. Sharp, deceaſed, a place worth 200 l. *per ann. P.*

Married on friday the rev. Mr. Reynolds, youngeſt ſon to the biſhop of Lincoln, to Mrs. Montgomery, a lady of great merit and fortune. *P. D J.*

Died on friday the lady Mordaunt, relict of the late Sir John, in Cleaveland-court, S. James's. *D P.*

Yeſterday at noon the Wardmote of Alderſgate was holden, for declaring the numbers upon the poll for common-council-men; and upon an exact caſting up of the books by ſeveral perſons of both parties, they appeared to ſtand as follows.

Mr. deputy John Snart	227
Mr. Edward Chowne	239
Mr. Richard Bayley	240
Mr. John Willkins	240
Mr. George James	227
Mr. debuty Samuel Ballard	233
Mr. Thomas Skipp	227
Mr. Samuel Smith	231
* Mr. Samwell Knight	114
* Mr. Richard Scarr	117

Notwithſtanding which vaſt majority, a ſcrutiny was demanded on the behalf of Mr. Samwell, Knight and Mr. Richard Scarr, by Mr. William Hulſe, Mr. Thomas Houlding, jun. and Mr. John Collin, three inhabitants of ſo ſhort a ſtanding, that neither of them has yet been called upon to ſerve any office: but for Mr. Samwell Knight's part, who was ſo eager to precipitate himſelf into an office, as to begin at the wrong end, and to vaunt that he would joſtle out ſome deputy or common-council-man, and have a hand in the government of this great city, before he well knew how to keep the peace, or to ſee the ſtreets kept clean, the Wardmote on S. Thomas's day, in conſideration of his ſuperior talents, and to advance a man of his worth by a regular gradation, did almoſt unanimouſly vote him into the offices of *Conſtable* and *Scavenger*, where it is not doubted he will ſtick for one year at leaſt. *P.*

TUESDAY, *Dec.* 25. His highneſs the prince of Orange continues to recover ſtrength daily. *C.* ——— His highneſs is relapſed, and was yeſterday morning attended by Sir Hans Sloane, &. *P. D P.*

Yeſterday the right hon. the lord mayor, and ſheriffs, went to all the publick markets and ſtreets of this city, and made a handſome collection for the relief of the poor priſoners in Ludgate and the two Compters. *C.*

The lord Chancellor has appointed ——— Leheup, Eſq; to be clerk of the Docquets in the court of Chancery. *P. D P.* ——— A few days ago the rev. Mr. Waſhbourn was appointed, by the dean and chapter of S. Paul's, to be ſub-dean of that cathedral in the room of the rev. Mr. Goſtling deceas'd. *D P.*

Norwich, Dec. 22. On ſunday a villanous letter was thrown into the yard of Ald. Legrys, threatening to burn his houſe and the houſes of ſeveral other gentlemen, alſo to murder them within a month, if they did not vote for the hon. Horatio Walpole, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Coke, and Capt. Morden. *P.*

Died yeſterday morning in Buckingham-ſtreet, York-buildings, aged 70 and upwards, Mrs. Dorothy Howard. *P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 26. Yeſterday being Chriſtmas-day, the rev. the dean of Exeter preached before their majeſties, his royal highneſs the prince, &c. and the rev. the lord biſhop of London adminiſtred the holy communion. *C.* &c.——The ſame day the miniſter of the Dutch chapel in Auſtin-friers, accompany'd by two deacons, &c. adminiſtred the holy communion to his royal highneſs the prince of Orange. *C. D P. D J.*

The right hon. the lord Chancellor has appointed Sam. Heatherinton, Eſq; to be receiver of all the fines in the high court of Chancery, a place worth 400 l. per ann. *D P.*

Married on ſunday Phil. Wyatt, of Godalmin in Surrey, Eſq; to Miſs Webb of Lower Guilford, a young gentlewoman of great merit, and 3000 l. fortune. *D P.*

Died on ſaturday Mrs. Jane South, in her 82 year, ſiſter to the late rev. Dr. South. *P.* ——— The ſame day the right rev. Dr. Sydall, lord biſhop of Gloceſter. *P. D P.* ——— Yeſterday. *D J.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

MR. BAVIUS complained to the Society, that for publiſhing the *Letter concerning* Dr. TINDAL's *will*, with ſome *obſervations* upon it, he had been charged by the compilers, or rather compiler of the *Bee*, with 'having fallen upon Mr. BUDGELL without the leaſt provocation, in a moſt *ſcandalous* and *barbarous* manner, 'and with having abuſed that gentleman with repeated '*ſcurrilities*'; and that our whole conduct in our *Journals* had been cenſured in that pamphlet, as proceeding from no better cauſes than 'envy, malice, rancour, and 'hatred towards all mankind in general'. He ſayed, he had obſerved with pleaſure, that thoſe whom we had ever taken the leaſt notice of to their diſadvantage, either for their impoſitions upon the public, or for their ſcurrilities upon other perſons, &c. inſtead of anſwering the allegations, had frequently exclaimed againſt our *Journal*, in much the ſame ſtile and manner. That both the truth of this aſſertion, that Mr. B. had been attacked by us *without the leaſt provocation*, and the great reaſon he had to complain of our *ſcurrility* in abuſing him, would appear in ſome meaſure from two or three paſſages in his *Bees*, which he would beg leave to repeat. In *Number* xxix, Mr. B. very gravely ſays,

† 'I ſhall only preſume to give them [*learned Divines*] '*one cautiou*, namely, that they carefully avoid making 'uſe of too much *aſperity* in their language.' And then in the ſame page and the following he ſubjoins.

'I could moſt heartily wiſh, for the ſake of all my 'fellow ſubjects, that ſome of thoſe *reverend perſons* 'who have been ſo angry with the Doctor for his *want*

† Pag. 1269, 1270.

'*of faith*, and making *Reaſon* the judge of *Revelation*, 'would learn at leaſt to imitate his *virtues*; particularly 'that virtue which was ſo conſpicuous in him, and 'which in my poor opinion, is of all other virtues the 'moſt *great* and *noble*. I mean the *love of our country*. 'I am afraid that what ſome men call their *faith*, and 'what they are ſo *hot* in the defence of, is little more 'than a *form of words, without a meaning*, an artful diſ-'guiſe for their own *avarice, pride*, and *ambition*, and 'a moſt ſcandalous *piece of hypocriſy*, both with reſpect 'to god and man'.

In *Number* xl is printed a pretended letter to *The authors* as they are ſtiled, from an anonymous perſon, who gives the following fine character of the Clergy in general. †† 'We have had too many inſtances of late years, 'that *Clergymen* have a voracious appetite after *money*. 'Some rev. *Fathers* of the Church have gone thro' *thick* 'and *thin* to come at this mammon of unrighteouſneſs: 'but if parſons think it lawful themſelves to do any 'thing for *money*, they muſt take care, for their own 'ſakes, not to teach the *laity* to follow their example. '— The late Dr. TINDALL's opinion of Prieſtly *ho-'nour* and *honeſty*, was to my certain knowledge worſe 'than biſhop BURNETT's; and yet the biſhop, who 'muſt know his *brethren*, has inſerted in his Works an 'expreſſion to the following effect; viz. *I always think* '(ſays he) *that a* layman *is* honeſt *'till I find him a* knave, '*but I always take it for granted, that a* Prieſt *is a* knave '*'till I find him* honeſt. —— If the late Dr. TIN-'DALL had left his *Works*, and all his *money* to a *Prieſt*; 'I ſhould indeed have taken it for granted, that his Will 'muſt have been forged, or that he was out of his ſenſes.

This the *authors* (moſt probably Mr. B. himſelf) with a ſerious grimace, pretend to ſoften by a charitable reflection, very tenderly blaming the writer, for *ſeeming to be a little too hard*. ‖ 'We are obliged to our cor-'reſpondent for an *hint* which he gives us in this letter; 'yet we cannot forbear ſaying, that he ſeems to be a 'little too hard upon *Prieſts* in *general*. We cannot help 'thinking, that *ſome* of them are men of *honour* and '*honeſty*; yet it is very certain, that the *practices* of too 'many of them, their *inſatiable thirſt* after *money*, and 'the *ſcandalous manner*, in which they have proſtituted '*themſelves* and their *characters*, in order to come at it, 'has given too fair an handle for people to believe, that 'their *religion* is nothing more than a certain *gainful* '*trade* or *craft*, and that they do not believe a word '*themſelves*, of what they preach to *laymen*.

Mr. BAVIUS concluded with this obſervation, That even ſuppoſing we had ever repreſented the ſeveral orders of Beaux, Wits, Lawyers, or Iriſh-men, or at leaſt the major part of them, as void of all *honour* or *honeſty*; yet neither Mr. B nor his friends, who might have imagined themſelves aimed at by ſuch a repreſentation, could with any manner of grace have upbraided us as guilty of *unprovoked ſcurrilities*, having themſelves painted in the blackeſt colours, a whole order of men, eſteemed in all ages and countries much more ſacred than any of the other.

†† *Pag.* 39. ‖ *Ibid.*

GOOD ADVICE *to all* Chriſtian *and* Unchriſtian *people, who either have been, or may be mentioned with diſreſpect, in the* Grub-ſtreet Journal.

If for writing profanely, or lewdly, or nonſenſe,
With no regard to truth, to honour, or conſcience:
If for opening a ſhop of Oratory pragmatical,
To rail at all biſhops in Engliſh ungrammatical;
To draw an aſſembly of wiſe-acres, from many,
Who have loſt their religion, or never had any:
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And the firſt ſole edition with third or fourth ſtamping;
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Plund'ring Eſſays; and Verſes reprinting without name,
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If for legacy in *Will* wrote by female Amanuenſis,
Where no ſign of religion, morality, or ſenſe is;
For abuſing the virtuous; and with no diſcretion,
Condemning a whole order as rogues by profeſſion:
If for ſuch tricks, *Grub Journal*, in proſe, or in diſtics,
Shall emblazon your name with broad characteriſtics:
Never anſwer what's ſay'd, but inquire who ſay'd it;
(Joke, nor argument's good, if one knows not who made it:)
If you can't find the author; to make him a jeſt
Call him *reverend maſter*, or *parſon*, or *prieſt*.
If this comical archneſs make your plea ſeem abſurder,
To tragical turn it; cry out Wounds! Blood! and *Murder!*
Make your readers all ſad, ſince you can't make 'em merry,
With a ſtory of *poyſon, Smiths-ſquare*, and *Horſe-ferry*.

DACTYL. *Probatum eſt*, J. H. E. B.

Since our laſt, we have received an Eſſay on impudence, a Letter ſigned THEOPHILUS, an Epitaph on a young lady by Mr. SAVAGE, an Acroſtic by a young lady, and an Ode of Horace tranſlated by J. B. —— The latter part of the Verſes on Counſellor HARPER render them improper to be publiſhed.

In our laſt, pag. 3, *col.* 1. *lin. antepenult. read*
Kill, kill the monſter we'll not; fear — 'tis good.

Dublin, Dec. 11. Laſt friday died Sir Edw. Lovet Pearce, Knt, the famous architect. — *Dec.* 19. On ſaturday the notorious Moll. Harvey was found guilty of picking a pocket of 7 moidores, and ordered for tranſportation. *C. P. Dec.* 22. —— Upwards of 300 children, grand-children, &c. deſcended from Mrs. Lambert, who died laſt week aged 95, have put themſelves in deep mourning. —— On tueſday Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, ſaid to have made a fortune of ſeveral thouſand pounds, were found guilty of keeping a bawdy-houſe, which they have done in a private Manner for ſeveral years. They are committed to Newgate 'till ſentence of whipping or tranſportation. An attempt was made to quaſh the indictment for falſe Latin. *C. Dec.* 22.

Philadelphia, Nov. 8. We hear from Pickering in Cheſter county, that a little girl about 7, croſſing over that creek, fell off the foot-bridge, and was drowned Her aunt narrowly eſcaped drowning in attempting to ſave her. —— *Boſton, Nov.* 19. One Moſes Broad-ſtreet the 14th inſt. went a ſhooting on Plumb-iſland, near Newbury, and killed 62 wild geeſe that day. *P. Dec.* 14. —— *This is a proper return of news from the* new world, *for ſome ſent thither from the* old.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 20. —— *Paris, Dec.* 19. We are aſſured, that the queen is with child again. —— The emperor has deſired the ſtates-general to lend him 12 millions of florins, upon a mortgage of the Auſtrian Netherlands; but they deſired to be excuſed. *C. P. D P. D J.*

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 21. —— *Frankfort, Dec.* 17. We have a current report that the empreſs is pregnant *D P. D A.*

Paris, Dec. 18. We are actually fitting out at different ports 35 ſhips of the line. The king is determin'd to head his army in perſon on the Rhine. *D A.*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 26. The emperor, having deſired of the king of Portugal, his brother-in law, a loan of 18 millions of florins, was anſwered, that his Portugueze majeſty wonder'd his imperial majeſty ſhould deſire it, ſince he promiſed to raiſe his brother Don Emanuel to the throne of Poland, but not the leaſt notice had been taken of that prince, and his imperial majeſty had uſed his utmoſt endeavours to procure that crown for the elector of Saxony. *C. D P. D J. D A.*

MONDAY, *Dec.* 24. —— *Paris, Dec.* 30. The trenches were opened before the citadel of Milan in the night between the 15th and 16th. *C. D A.*

Cremona, Dec. 7. When we were in poſſeſſion of the fort of Gheira, on the 7th, 10 or 12 peaſants being at work in removing ſome rubbiſh, a bomb burſt in the middle of them, killed 4 or 5 on the ſpot, and wounded as many. It had lain at leaſt 9 days in that ſpot of ground. *D J.*

Milan, Dec. 9. All the engineers for paſtry and confectionary wares are employ'd, and we have almoſt as many troops for the kitchen as for the trenches, ſo that we ſhall work for life and death together. *D J.*

Books and pamphlets publiſhed ſince our laſt.

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The Preface goes on referring to several of the Facts, and concludes in Regard to Mr. Voltaire, as follows.

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